



Middlesex County Massachusetts

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	620	-16
Land in farms (acres)	27,332	-3
Average size of farm (acres)	44	+15
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	63,350,000	-17
Government payments	172,000	-64
Farm-related income	3,847,000	-66
Total farm production expenses	65,201,000	-20
Net cash farm income	2,168,000	-66
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	102,177	-1
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	5,741	-18
Farm-related income	21,372	-53
Total farm production expenses	105,163	-5
Net cash farm income	3,496	-59

13 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	88
Livestock, poultry, and products	12

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	48
Pastureland	11
Woodland	27
Other	14

Acres irrigated: 1,192

4% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	9
Reduced till	9
Intensive till	15
Cover crop	15

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	261	42
\$2,500 to \$4,999	71	11
\$5,000 to \$9,999	59	10
\$10,000 to \$24,999	62	10
\$25,000 to \$49,999	54	9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	41	7
\$100,000 or more	72	12

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	222	36
10 to 49 acres	236	38
50 to 179 acres	128	21
180 to 499 acres	28	5
500 to 999 acres	6	1
1,000 + acres	-	-

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^b	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^b	Counties Producing Item
Total	63,350	4	14	1,558	3,077
Crops	55,825	2	14	1,020	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	105	9	10	2,440	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	4	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	18,992	2	14	136	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	4,033	5	13	229	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	31,088	1	14	91	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	331	5	11	120	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,276	6	13	1,653	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	7,525	7	14	2,262	3,073
Poultry and eggs	354	4	13	821	3,007
Cattle and calves	1,613	4	12	2,250	3,055
Milk from cows	1,721	8	11	843	1,892
Hogs and pigs	164	5	13	785	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	389	2	12	436	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	601	3	12	355	2,970
Aquaculture	(Z)	11	11	340	1,251
Other animals and animal products	2,683	1	12	71	2,878

Total Producers ^c	1,093	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	85
Male	582		
Female	511		
Age		Farm organically	4
<35	91		
35 – 64	619		
65 and older	383		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	28
American Indian/Alaska Native	2		
Asian	18		
Black or African American	2		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-		
White	1,063	Hire farm labor	41
More than one race	8		
Other characteristics		Are family farms	93
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	21		
With military service	91		
New and beginning farmers	371		
		Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)	
		Broilers and other meat-type chickens	2,170
		Cattle and calves	2,445
		Goats	432
		Hogs and pigs	(D)
		Horses and ponies	1,169
		Layers	11,279
		Pullets	364
		Sheep and lambs	1,349
		Turkeys	3,912

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

^a May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^b Among counties whose rank can be displayed. ^c Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

^d Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^e Position below the line does not indicate rank.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.